



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appellants: Franco Vallana et al.

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for an extension of two months (from July 15, 2006, to September 15, 2006) within which to file an Appeal Brief. The Notice of Appeal was filed on May 15, 2006. A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the fees for filing an Appeal Brief (\$500.00) and the fee for a two month extension of time (\$450.00). If additional time is required, please consider this a conditional petition therefore. It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this Petition. If this is incorrect, however, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2312.

Respectfully submitted,

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